



JOINT PRESS-STATEMENT
FOLLOWING THE NINETEENTH (19TH) ANNUAL JOINT CONSULTATIVE MEETING BETWEEN THE AFRICAN
UNION PEACE AND SECURITY COUNCIL AND THE MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY
COUNCIL, ADDIS ABABA, 17 OCTOBER 2025

The African Union Peace and Security Council (AU PSC) and the Members of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) held their nineteenth (19th) Annual Joint Consultative Meeting at the African Union Headquarters in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, on 17 October 2025. The AU PSC and the Members of the UNSC convened to deliberate on peace and security issues.

The AU PSC and the Members of the UNSC underlined that Article 24 of the Charter of the United Nations accords the UNSC with the primary responsibility for maintaining international peace and security. Furthermore, they reaffirmed the mandate of the AU PSC concerning the promotion of peace, security and stability in Africa, as per the Protocol Relating to the Establishment of the Peace and Security Council of the African Union.

The AU PSC and the Members of the UNSC recalled the provisions of Chapter VIII of the Charter of the United Nations on the role of regional arrangements in dealing with matters relating to the maintenance of international peace and security, before referring them to the Security Council as appropriate, and the UNSC's authority to utilize such regional arrangements, consistent with the purposes and principles of the UN.

The AU PSC and the Members of the UNSC recalled and reaffirmed all previous joint communiqués adopted during their annual joint consultative meetings.

AU PSC and the Members of the UNSC seized the opportunity of their 10th Informal Joint Seminar, held on 16 October 2025, to commemorate the 25 years of the UN Security Council Resolution 1325 within the context of the Women, Peace and Security Agenda. They also exchanged views on AU-UN Joint efforts in addressing terrorism and violent extremism conducive to terrorism; as well as the implementation of UNSC Resolution 2719 (2023). The Joint Informal Seminar was preceded by a consultation of the AU PSC Committee of Experts, and the UNSC Ad Hoc Working Group on Conflict Prevention and Resolution in Africa, held in Addis Ababa from 14 to 15 October 2025.

On the occasion of the 19th Annual Joint Consultative Meeting, the AU PSC and the Members of the UNSC held discussions on enhancing and supporting AU-led PSOs, particularly the African Union Support and Stabilization Mission in Somalia (AUSSOM); the Sahel Region and Lake Chad Basin, including technical assistance to the countries of the Gulf of Guinea in countering challenges affecting maritime security; on Horn of Africa (Sudan and South Sudan); the Great Lakes Region (Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)).

The AU PSC and the Members of the UNSC agreed to convene their 11th Informal Joint Seminar and the 20th Annual Joint Consultative Meeting in New York, United States of America, on dates to be jointly agreed by the two sides in due course, and to be preceded by expert-level informal consultations.